



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

BAY STATE GAS COMPANY

D.T.E. 05-27

**FOURTEENTH SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO
THE COMPANY**

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") submits to Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State" or "Company") the following set of Information Requests for response within SEVEN business days of issuance:

- DTE 14-1 Refer to the Company's responses to DTE 6-9 and DTE 6-10 dated June 1, 2005. Please identify the mechanism that allows the Company to utilize the compliance phase of the proceeding to remove the proposed postage adjustment, and to include test year postage expense in the O&M expenses subject to the general inflation factor when that number is rerun for compliance. Provide all rules, regulations, and other documentation to support this process.
- DTE 14-2 Refer to Company's responses to DTE 6-9 and DTE 6-10 dated June 1, 2005. Provide an update as to the status of the proposed postage increase.
- DTE 14-3 Refer to Exhs. BSG/JES-1, at 31; and the Company's response to AG-1-74. On page 31 of Exh. BSG/JES-1, Mr. Skirtich states: "...an adjustment was made to the amount of the NCSC charges allocated to Bay State...." In his response to AG-1-74, dated May 20, 2005, Mr. Skirtich states: "Donations made by NiSource Inc. are not allocated to Bay State." Please reconcile these statements.

DTE 14-4 Refer to Exhs. BSG/JES-1, at 31-32; BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-6, at 27; and BSG/JES-1, Schedule JES-6, at 11 and 12; and Company's responses to AG 1-74, dated May 20, 2005, and DTE 6-4, dated June 6, 2005. Understanding that the Company is not requesting recovery of charitable donations made in 2004, please provide the following:

- (A) a list of all contributions made by Bay State during 2004, including date of donation, amount of donation, and the name of the party receiving the donation;
- (B) a list of all contributions made by Nisource and attributed to Bay State during 2004, including date of donation, amount of donation, and the name of the party receiving the donation; and
- (C) dated invoices or receipts of all donations listed in (A) and (B).

If the total value of contributions in list (A) does not equal the \$147,271 value listed on BSG/JES-1, Schedule JES-6, at 12, please explain any difference.

If the total value of contributions in list (B) does not equal the \$8,735 value listed on Exh. BSG/JES-1, Schedule JES-6, at 11 and BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-6, at 27, please explain any difference.

If any donations appear in both lists, please explain any overlap, and explain the accounting of those values.

DATED: June 10, 2005